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1. [ ] the Chinese Communist Army established an Armored Force Command (AFC) (裝兵司令部) under HSU Kuang-ta (許光達), with orders to unify the command and to train and expand the armored forces throughout the country. AFC headquarters was attached to the Chinese Communist Army headquarters. The reorganization began with the tank units in the special army groups of the various field armies. [ ] ten equipped Soviet regiments came to China to help in the training and reorganization of the AFC. Chief of the Soviet advisers is Major General Ssu-wei-tzu-no-fu (斯維茲諾夫). The Soviet equipment is to be given to the Chinese when the training has been completed. The AFC has three tank divisions and one independent tank regiment trained and equipped, plus a division and a regiment still in the process of formation. 25X1
2. Each tank division is composed of 2 tank regiments, 1 motorized infantry regiment, 1 motorized artillery regiment, 1 horse-drawn artillery battalion\*, 1 engineers battalion, 1 communications battalion, 1 reconnaissance battalion, and 1 command company. Each regiment\*\* has 4 medium tank companies, [ ] 25X1 with each company divided into 3 platoons, and each platoon into 3 squads. 25X1 The regiment also has 1 heavy tank company, 1 Thompson (sic) machine gun company (沖鋒槍連), 1 repair company, 1 transport company, 1 reconnaissance company, and 1 engineers platoon.

Equipment

3. 1 Tank Division will receive equipment similar to that of 3 Tank Division, when the Soviets make delivery. Present equipment is as follows: 25X1
  - 1 Tank Regiment: [ ] 15-ton tanks, [ ] six-wheel trucks. 25X1
  - 2 Tank Regiments: [ ] 7½-ton tanks, [ ] six-wheel trucks. 25X1 25X1
  - Motorized Infantry Regiment:
    - One anti-tank battalion, one combat battalion, equipment unknown.
  - Motorized Artillery Regiment:
    - One battalion equipped with [ ] 75mm mountain guns. 25X1

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## Horse-drawn Artillery Battalion:

35 guns of various types.

Engineer Battalion: Small number of rifles (sic).

## Communications Battalion:

[ ] armored radio cars.

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## Reconnaissance Battalion:

[ ] armored half-tracks, [ ] 41 half-ton  
tanks (sic), 20 armored cars [ ]

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## Transport Battalion:

[ ] trucks.

4. 2 Tank Division will be re-equipped when Soviet equipment arrives. The division's present equipment is as follows:

## 3 Tank Regiment:

42 M3A4 and A3 tanks\*\*\*. [ ]

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## 4 Tank Regiment:

38 tanks of the same types as those of the 3 Tank Regiment.

## Amphibious Tank Battalion:

22 amphibious tanks. This unit is assigned to the  
3 Field Army.

## Other units now being formed:

Nothing known about their equipment.

5. 3 Tank Division has the following equipment:

## 5 Tank Regiment:

36 32-ton, T-35 medium tanks (sic), carrying a 103mm cannon (sic) and anti-aircraft guns, plus three light machine guns. These tanks are radio-equipped.  
4 Stalin Type 2 tanks\*\*\*\*, carrying one 117mm cannon (sic), 1 anti-aircraft machine gun, and 3 light machine guns, and radio equipment.  
4 46-ton self-propelled 117mm cannon (sic), 1 anti-aircraft gun attached, radio-equipment, powered by a V-12 engine.  
6 small telecommunication armored cars, the same as those used by reconnaissance and communication companies, each with a light machine gun.  
6 Soviet two-cylinder motor tricycles, each with one light machine gun.  
2 front-line service cars, with heavy armor and no weapons. 1 large radio car with 12 x 28 volt generators, and CW as well as radiophone equipment, used as regimental communications center.  
1 small radio car assigned to the regimental chief of staff.  
2 repair cars.  
1 command car with radio phone for the regimental commander.  
8 passenger cars.  
45 trucks that are mostly lend-lease Studebakers, plus a few large Chi Ssu (吉斯) type trucks from the Molotov factory.

## 1 Independent Tank Regiment:

Has the same equipment as the 5 Tank Regiment.

## 2 Independent Tank Regiment:

This regiment is not yet fully organized.

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Locations of Units of AFC

6. Training centers for the AFC are: Ssup'ingchieh (124-22, 43-11), Kirin, Hsuehou (117-16, 34-18), Ch'anghsintien (116-12, 39-49), and Fengt'ai (116-17, 39-51). Seven of the AFC regiments were scheduled to complete their training [redacted] 25X1  
Four regiments were still to be in training at that time. Tank Regiments 1-4 are receiving or preparing to receive Soviet equipment.
7. 1 Tank Division Headquarters is in the Sixth District of Tientsin. 1 Tank Regiment is at Fengt'ai, and 2 Tank Regiment at Ch'anghsintien.
- 2 Tank Division Headquarters is at Hsuehou. 3 Tank Regiment is at Hsuehou, and 4 Tank Regiment is in Nanking. The Amphibious Tank Battalion is at Shanghai and Nanking.
- 3 Tank Division Headquarters is at Ssup'ingchieh. 5 Tank Regiment and part of 6 Tank Regiment are at Ssup'ingchieh, with the rest of 6 at Mukden.
- 1 Independent Tank Regiment is at Yungchi (126-32, 43-51).\*\*\*\*\*

General Estimates of AFC Units

8. 1 Tank Regiment was built from the former 1 Tank Battalion of the 4 Field Army, [redacted] It is well trained 25X1  
and has good combat capabilities.
- 2 Tank Regiment was formerly the 1 Tank Battalion of the North China Special Army Group, which was formed in Peiping in 1949. [redacted] 25X1  
This regiment has poor combat capabilities. 25X1
- 2 Tank Division was formerly the Tank Division of the Special Army Group of the 3 Field Army. [redacted] 25X1
- 3 Tank Division and 1 Independent Tank Regiment are new units with personnel drawn from several field armies.
9. Part of 1 Tank Division is now fighting in Korea. [redacted] The 25X1  
commanding general is HUANG Hsien-ku (黃顯鵠); his deputy, CHAO Chieh (趙杰),  
chief of staff, SUN Shih (孫事), with CHIA Lin-yeh (賈林野) as his deputy.  
Political Commissar is LIU Teng-ying (劉登英), with YANG Yung-sung (楊永松)  
as his deputy. Chief of the Division Political Section is MAO P'eng-yun (毛鵬雲).
- \* [redacted] Comment. The Chinese term is usually rendered as "pack 25X1  
artillery".
- \*\* [redacted] Comment. Presumably tank regiment is meant here.
- \*\*\* [redacted] Comment. 25X1
- \*\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. These are probably JS2 Tanks. 25X1
- \*\*\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. 3 Tank Regiment was reported [redacted] 25X1  
as attached to Special Army Group (SAG), 3 Field Army (3FA). The same  
unit was reported in Changchun [redacted] Information 25X1  
available to this office reported 4, 5, and 6 Tank Regiments  
[redacted] attached to SAG, 3FA. They were in Nanking, Shanghai, 25X1  
and Hsuehou, respectively.

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